

District Judge Benjamin H. Settle

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

GURPREET KAUR, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UR M. JADDOU, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:24-cv-05334-BHS

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD  
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND ORDER

Noted for Consideration:  
June 21, 2024

Plaintiffs and Defendants, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to stay these proceedings until December 5, 2024. Plaintiffs brought this litigation pursuant to the Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to adjudicate Plaintiff Kaur’s asylum application. Defendants’ response to the Complaint is currently due on July 2, 2024. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until December 5, 2024.

Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

1 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.  
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3 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial  
4 intervention. USCIS has scheduled Plaintiff Kaur’s asylum interview for August 7, 2024. USCIS  
5 agrees to diligently work towards completing the adjudication within 120 days of the interview,  
6 absent unforeseen or exceptional circumstances that would require additional time for  
7 adjudication. If the adjudication is not completed within that time, USCIS will provide a status  
8 report to the Court. Plaintiff Kaur will submit all supplemental documents and evidence, if any,  
9 to USCIS seven to ten days prior to the interview date. Plaintiff Kaur recognizes that failure to  
10 submit documents prior to the interview may require the interview to be rescheduled and the  
11 adjudication delayed. If needed, Plaintiff Kaur will bring an interpreter to the interview,  
12 otherwise the interview will need to be rescheduled and the adjudication delayed. Accordingly,  
13 the parties request this abeyance to allow USCIS to conduct Plaintiff Kaur’s asylum interview  
14 and then process her asylum application.

15 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold the  
16 case in abeyance until December 5, 2024. The parties will submit a status update on or before  
17 December 5, 2024.

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**ORDER**

The case is held in abeyance until December 5, 2024. The parties shall submit a status update on or before December 5, 2024. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 24th day of June, 2024.



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BENJAMIN H. SETTLE  
United States District Judge